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Chapter 38.1. Commission on Education Study Committee

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"Commission"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter "commission" refers to the commission on education established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Establishment; study topics

Sec. 2. The commission on education is established to study and evaluate the following issues:

(1) Methods for accurately evaluating teacher preparation programs:

(A) using data regarding individuals who obtain teaching positions within and outside Indiana; and

(B) using an individual's grade point average.

(2) The use of teacher evaluations for measuring teacher preparation programs.

(3) The financial costs for students pursuing postsecondary education, including but not limited to workplace certifications, associate degrees, and baccalaureate degrees. The commission shall identify opportunities, methods, and strategies to increase the affordability of such programs in Indiana.

(4) On time degree completion rates for public and nonpublic Indiana colleges and universities. For purposes of this section, completing a degree "on time" means completing the degree within four (4) academic years for a baccalaureate degree or within two (2) academic years for an associate degree. The commission shall identify opportunities, methods, and strategies to increase the percentage of students in Indiana who complete a degree on time.

(5) Any other issue assigned to the commission by the legislative council.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Additional study topics

Sec. 2.2. The commission is established to study and evaluate the following issues, in addition to those set forth in section 2 of this chapter:

(1) The development of definitions of excused and unexcused absences from school.

(2) The effectiveness of voluntary agreements between school corporations and courts having juvenile jurisdiction in providing court supervised educational programs, alternative programs, or diversion programs for students who are habitually truant, suspended, or expelled from school, including:

(A) the number and types of agreements and programs in

Indiana;

(B) the effects of the programs on families and students; and

(C) the success of the programs in reintegrating students into the classroom.

(3) Evidence based practices and model programs for reducing absenteeism and supporting student engagement and achievement.

(4) The feasibility of modifying Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program eligibility for households to include school attendance requirements for students.

(5) Any other issue related to student absenteeism.

As added by P.L.246-2013, SEC.1.

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Members

Sec. 3. (a) The commission consists of the following voting members:

(1) The members of the senate education and career development committee.

(2) The members of the house of representatives education committee.

(b) The chairperson of the senate education and career development committee and the chairperson of the house of representatives education committee shall serve as co-chairpersons of the commission.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Annual report

Sec. 4. The commission shall annually submit the commission's final report to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than December 1.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Majority vote required for action

Sec. 5. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Expenses

Sec. 6. Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this section shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Operation under legislative council policies

Sec. 7. The commission shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Staff

Sec. 8. The legislative services agency shall staff the commission.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.

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Expiration

Sec. 9. This chapter expires January 1, 2015.

As added by P.L.254-2013, SEC.1.